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- 1) Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (1 page); and
- 2) Amendment under 37 CFR §1.116 with marked-up version of amended claims (9 pages).

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Sir:

A Petition and fee for a two-month Extension of Time through and including April 5, 2003, accompanies this Amendment.

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification

Please amend the title of the subject application to read as follows:

Please substitute the Title of the Invention at page 1, lines 3-4 to read as follows:

METHOD OF [DETECTION OF] BINDING TO TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS  
[WITH A SPECIFIC SEQUENCE COMPOSITION]